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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **M/V *Taku* operating on a Delayed Schedule**

The M/V *Taku* left Wrangell southbound at 2:45 p.m. on Sunday, March 2 and will be operating on a delayed schedule through Thursday morning, March 6 as announced by the Alaska Marine Highway System. In an effort to have the vessel return to its published schedule as soon as possible the *Taku* will bypass Wrangell and Petersburg northbound on Monday, March 3. Traffic for those ports will be accommodated on the M/V *Matanuska* Sunday evening and M/V *LeConte* Thursday morning. Additionally, the *Taku* will bypass Haines southbound on Wednesday, March 5. This requires Haines southbound traffic to board in Haines northbound on Tuesday evening, March 4.

Customers holding reservations for the cancelled ports will be contacted and accommodated on an alternate sailing.

The *Taku* revised schedule is:

Sunday	March 2	Leave Petersburg	10:10 a.m. (12 hours 30 min. late)
		Leave Wrangell	2:45 p.m. (13 hours 30 min. late)
		Arrive Ketchikan	8:00 p.m. (12 hours 45 min. late)
Monday	March 3	Arrive Prince Rupert	2:30 a.m. (10 hours 45 min. late)
		Arrive Ketchikan	9:30 a.m. (10 hours 45 min. late)
			<b>(bypass Wrangell and Petersburg)</b>
		Arrive Kake	10:00 p.m. (5 hours 15 min. late)
Tuesday	March 4	Arrive Sitka	7:45 a.m. (6 hours late)

	Arrive Juneau	6:15 p.m. (5 hours late)
	Arrive Haines	11:30 p.m. (4 hours 45 min. late)
		<b>(Southbound Haines traffic boards)</b>
Wednesday March 5	Arrive Skagway	1:00 a.m. (4 hours 15 min. late)
		<b>(bypass Haines southbound)</b>
	Arrive Juneau	7:00 a.m. (2 hours 15 min. late)
	Arrive Petersburg	4:00 p.m. (2 hours 30 min. late)
	Arrive Wrangell	7:30 p.m. (2 hours 15 min. late)
Thursday March 6	Arrive Ketchikan	1:30 a.m. (1 hour 30 min. late)
	Leave Ketchikan	2:45 a.m. (on published schedule)
	Arrive Prince Rupert	9:45 a.m.

For detailed revised schedule information, periodic specials and latest news items passengers are encouraged to visit the Alaska Marine Highway Web site at [www.alaska.gov/ferry](http://www.alaska.gov/ferry), to contact their local terminal or call toll free 800-642-0066 or 907-465-3941.

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